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In re Application of :
McDonnell et al. :
Application No. 09/973,378 :
Filed: 9 October, 2001 :
Atty Docket No. ORT-1510 :
ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)¹ filed on 8 April, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned on 15 January, 2002, for failure to submit a timely response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on 14 November, 2001, which set a two (2) month shortened period for reply. Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 17 November, 2003. A petition was

¹Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c).

filed under 37 CFR 1.137(b) on 8 April, 2004, but was treated as a feeless petition under 37 CFR 1.181 due to the lack of sufficient funds in counsel's deposit account to charge the petition fee. The petition was dismissed on 23 April, 2004.

The present petition is accompanied by authorization to charge the petition fee and surcharge.

Counsel's deposit account, No. 10-0750, will be charged the petition fee of \$1,330.00 and the late oath or declaration or filing fee surcharge of \$130.00.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703)308-6918.



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